

REMARKS

Reconsideration is requested.

Claims 1-7 are pending. Claims 8 and 9 have been canceled, without prejudice.

The allowance of claims 1 and 2 is acknowledged, with appreciation.

The Title has been revised to obviate the objection to the same. Withdrawal of the objection to the Title is requested. The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned, preferably by telephone, in the event anything further is required in this regard.

Claim 4 has been revised, without prejudice, to obviate the objection to claims 4-7. The applicants believe that the unamended and amended claim 4 are clear and the recitation of the objected-to "proviso" is not believed to have been unclear or indefinite. Withdrawal of the objection to claims 4-7 is requested.

The Section 102 rejection of claims 3-6 over U.S. Patent No. 7,250,240 (Tosaka et al) is traversed. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are requested in view of the attached certified English translation of the applicants priority document JP 2003-370861, filed October 30, 2003. The cited document was filed in the U.S. on June 9, 2004. The attached certified English translation of the applicants priority document evidences prior invention by the applicants. Withdrawal of the Section 102 rejection is requested.

The claims are submitted to be in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is requested. The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned, preferably

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by telephone, in the event anything further is required to place the application in
condition for allowance.

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